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PAGE 1TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN-WIRE LINES U/C
LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM
(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-4791)1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS FOUR NEWLY OBSERVED TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN-WIRE LINES IN THE LAOS PANHANDLE AND IN SOUTH VIETNAM NORTH OF THE A SHAU VALLEY.

2. LOCATION:

THE TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN-WIRE LINES ARE LOCATED IN THE LAOS PANHANDLE AND IN SOUTH VIETNAM NORTH OF THE A SHAU VALLEY.

3. MISSION READOUT:

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REVEALS:

A. A TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE, APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY NM LONG, EXTENDING SOUTHEAST FROM 164118N - 1060700E (UTM XD190452), SEVEN NM WEST OF SEPONE (1641N - 10614E), TO 155425N - 1064135E (UTM XC812592), SIX NM NORTHWEST OF BAN BAC (1950N - 10646E). THE TRACE GENERALLY PARALLELS ROUTES 914 AND 92, MAINTAINING A ONE TO THREE NM DISTANCE FROM THE ROAD AND INTERSECTING THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: 163522N - 1060956E (UTM XD244344), 162522N - 1062522E (UTM XD519161), 162316N - 1063235E (UTM XD647123), 160404N - 1063739E (UTM XC740770), LEADING FINALLY TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 155425N - 1064135E (UTM XC812592).

NGA review(s) completed.

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B. A TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE IS OBSERVED RUNNING FROM ITS NORTHERN TERMINUS AT 164930N - 1061958E (UTM XD419605) SOUTH TO 163418N - 1062302E (UTM XD476325). AT THIS POINT A PROBABLE TRACE IS INTERMITTANTLY OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE VICINITY OF 163148N - 1062550E (UTM XD526279) AND AT 163102N - 1062348E (UTM XD489265), 2.1 NM NORTH OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE DESCRIBED IN ITEM A. THIS NORTH-SOUTH TRACE WILL PROBABLY CONNECT WITH A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE LINE WHICH EXTENDS INTO LAOS FROM THE NORTH VIETNAM SIDE OF THE DMZ.¹

C. A PROBABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE IS INTERMITTANTLY OBSERVED AT 162322N - 1063220E (UTM XD642125) EXTENDING NORTH THEN WEST FROM THE TRACE DESCRIBED IN ITEM A. THIS PROBABLE TRACE CONTINUES WEST THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF PE RIANG(3) AT 162627N - 1063732E (UTM XD735182) TERMINATING IN THE VICINITY OF 162750N - 1064020E (UTM XD785209), 0.3 NM FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER.

D. A TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPEN-WIRE TRACE, GENERALLY PARALLELING ROUTE 922, IS INTERMITTANTLY OBSERVED FROM ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS IN THE VICINITY OF 162030N - 1064705E (UTM XD906074). THE TRACE CONTINUES SOUTHEAST CROSSING ROUTE 922 AT 161532N - 1065650E (UTM YC081985), AND THEN CONTINUES GENERALLY EAST-SOUTHEAST TO 161438N - 1070050E (UTM XC151968), THEN EAST-NORTHEAST CROSSING THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AT 161745N - 1070652E (UTM YD258027) AND LEAVING ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS IN THE VICINITY OF 161942N - 1071128E (UTM YD340064). THIS TRACE IS POSSIBLY AN EXTENSION OF THE TRACE DESCRIBED IN ITEM C.

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4. COLLATERAL:

A TELEPHONE LINE, CONSISTING OF A SINGLE LINE WITH TWO RUBBER COATED WIRES STRUNG ON BRANCHES AND ALONG THE GROUND, WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PARALLEL TO ROUTES 9, 92, AND 96 BETWEEN BAN KENG KHAN MAI, 164538N - 1060812E (UTM XD212532) AND BAN THAKKHANAT, 150840N - 1070540E² (UTM YB256755).

5. COMMENTS:

DUE TO THE BOMBING OF THE ROADS IN THIS AREA THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TELEPHONE WIRE WAS PROBABLY INTERDICTED QUITE OFTEN. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WIRE IS NOW THE TRACE DESCRIBED IN ITEM A, HAVING BEEN MOVED A DISTANCE OF ONE TO THREE NM FROM THE ROAD IN ORDER TO PREVENT INTERDICTION.

K1 ALL UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L7015 SHEETS 6241 I, 6242 I, II, III, 6340 IV, 6341 I, II, III, IV, 6441 III, AND IV.

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REF: NPIC MESSAGE 7397, DTG 070403Z, 6 JUNE 1966, (CONFIDENTIAL)

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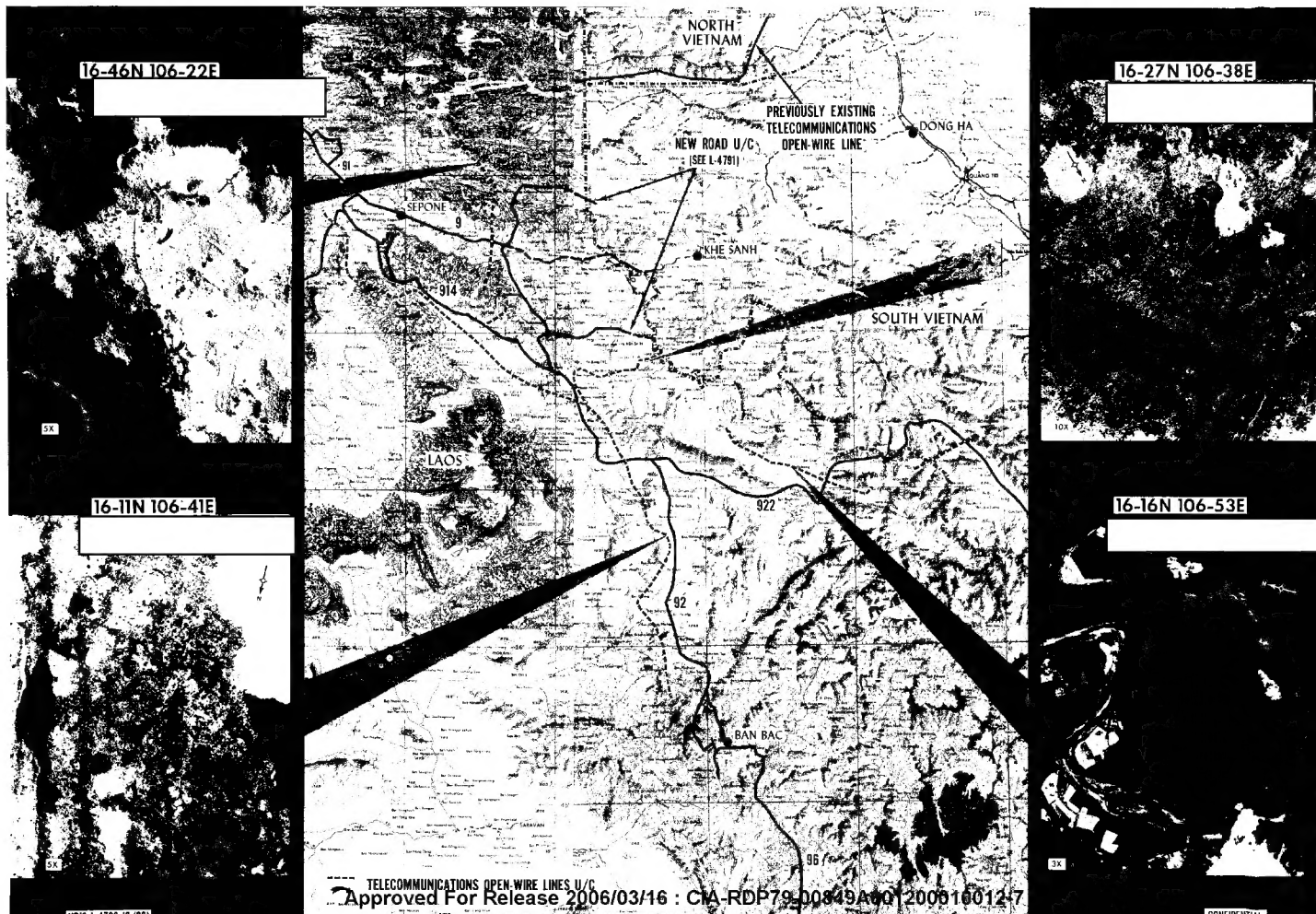
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